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As a below-named joint inventor, we each hereby declare that:

Our individual residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our respective names. We believe that we are the original and first joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in the patent application entitled: "Rapid Methods and Devices for the Detection of Coliform and the Detection and Confirmation of *E. coli*".

Acknowledgment of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

We have reviewed and understand the above-identified patent application, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this specification pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.56(a).

Power of Attorney

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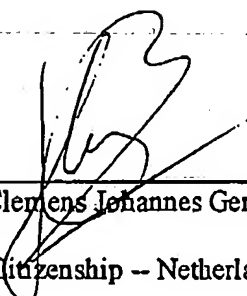
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